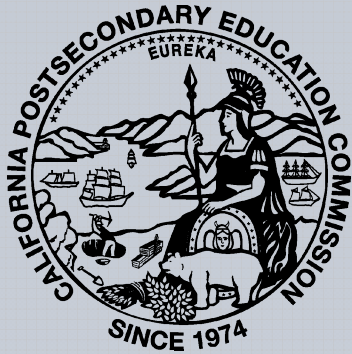


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Program Planning and Review to Promote Responsiveness to Public Needs, 2008–09

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2008–09 Program Review Activities

- Reviewed and concurred with a proposal to establish a nursing school at UC Davis
- Conducted independent reviews of 21 additional program proposals
- Assessed the long-range plans of the public higher education systems
- Updated and modified program review agreements between CPEC and the systems to enhance the review process.

Strategic Uses of the Report

- Public officials and policy analysts can obtain from a single source a summary of the long-range academic and vocational program plans of CSU, UC, and the community colleges, and assess the extent to which those plans respond to emerging workforce and societal needs.
- Cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analyses can be applied to those plans to inform the state of the projected operational and capital costs required over the next five to ten years to fund new degree and certificate programs.
- State workforce and societal needs can be prioritized and compared to higher education long-range plans to help ensure effective use of program funding.

Report Highlights

- UC long-range graduate plans emphasize program expansion in the physical sciences, health sciences, humanities, and professional studies
- CSU long-range plans emphasize expansion in the physical sciences, professional studies, humanities, and education
- The UC Davis Nursing School relieves the State of significant capital and operation costs because of a generous \$100 million gift from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Three UC-CSU joint Ph.D. programs are being established in engineering
 - Structural Engineering
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Bioengineering
- The community colleges added more than 800 new degree and certificate programs in response to local and regional needs